ST. GEORGE Top Soccer

Souvenir Programme

ST. GEORGE B.S.C.

VS

S. Melbourne at the new

ST. GEORGE STADIUM

GALA OPENING

Sunday, March 5th, 1978

ST. GEORGE B.S.C.	SOUTH MELBOURNE
MARTIN COE	JACK REILLY
DOUG UTJESENOVIC	MIKE PYE
BRENDAN GROSSE	CHRIS KALAFATIDIS
GEORGE HARRIS	MIKE HATZIMANUEL
PETER TERRY	JOHN DAPERIS
JOHN O'SHEA	DUNCAN CUMMINGS
RODOLFO GNAVI	BILL ROGERS
PAUL JONES	SAMMY WRIGHT
ZORAN BURISIC	BERTIE LUTTON
ROBBIE O'SHEA	PETER OLLERTON
PHIL O'CONNOR	CHRIS KENT
TYRONE PATTERSON	JOHN HANSEN
EMERY HOLMIK	PETER VAUGHAN
CARLOS MENDEZ	
NEV MORGAN	
COACH: ILIYA TAKACS	COACH: DAVE MACLAREN

We welcome the players, officials and supporters from S.Melbourne

ALEX PONGRASS
PRESIDENT

Welcome & thanks!

If somebody up there really likes us, He will grant a perfect late summer afternoon for today's gala opening of the first stage of our St.George Stadium. Strictly speaking, it's not the grand opening yet, this we will hold some time next year when the stand with all its amenities is finished ---- but it's still a very special occasion.

We are grateful to the N.S.W. Minister of Sport, Mr. Ken Booth for accepting our invitation to be our guest of honour and I want to also greet the many other VIP's, former players, members of the Press, public and juniors who will share this day with us.

St.George seems to like round figures: we were 10 years old when our Soccer House opened and now, at 20, we have moved into our own stadium.

Of course our ambitions don't stop there: this Club intends to progress and grow. In matters of management, playing standards and promotion, we intend to be the pace-setters in Australian soccer not through idle words and meaningless palavers but through action and results.

St.George is a district club: our record and achievements in the region clearly prove this. We hope to forge the link between us and the junior associations even stronger; we want to be soccer's flag - bearers in this part of Sydney.

On this very special day, I would like to thank all those who have assisted in making this stadium possible. Very special thanks must go to our Vice-President, Steven Keenig in charge of the stadium project and Des Tandi, who oversaw the construction.

ALEX PONGRASS, President.

Early games

11.45.a.m. ST.GEORGE COLTS VS ST.GEORGE DRAGONS

1.20.p.m. SEMI FINAL - MINI AMPOL CUP
ST.GEORGE VS SUTHERLAND

SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS

- MISS ST. GEORGE - BUDAPEST WILL KICK OFF
- SEE THE ST. GEORGE DRAGON
- ST. GEORGE POLICE BOYS BAND
- DRUM MAJORETTES
- MARCH PAST BY CLUBS IN THE JUNIOR ASSOCIATION OF ST.GEORGE.

NEW SAINTS ARE EMERGING

The early gleam of the January days have faded: there are plenty of indications that Saints face a successful and exciting season. The departure of Mark Jankovics, Paul Coten & Dave McQuire seem to have left no gaps in the team and the arrival of Paul Jones from England and Zoran Durisic from Yugal represent considerable gains.

Few people realise that the 1st Team squad of Saints today includes an amazing 10 local products - surely the highest number not just in the PSL but in any other Sydney club since the glory days of Canterbury some 20 years ago. Harris, Grease, Terry, Williams, the O'Shea John, Robbie and Michael, Helmik, Pattersen & Morgan are all St.Georgians who have learned their skills in the district. A few years ago the Saints provided the bulk of players into the national team: this could happen again shortly with several of the youngsters joining Harris & Utjesenovic in this elite brigade. Just about the first should be left winger Phil O'Connor whose dazzling form in February deeply impressed all critics

10 Lucky numbers will be drawn at half - time of the main game. Winners will receive shirts by Fabiani and soccer balls

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№ 2256

SOUTH MELBOURNE .. SKILL & EXPERIENCE

Jack Reilly

Saints greet South Melbourne, today's visiting team, representing a club with perhaps the most distinguished traditions and achievements in Victorian soccer. True, in 1977 they had a disappointing season..but so did the Saints.. Today, both will be keen to start on the right feet. Several of the visiting players are familiar to Sydney fans; none more so than goalie Jack Reilly who spent a season in 1971 with St.George. One of the true gentlemen of Australian soccer ... as well as a great goalkeeper and ex-international...Jack is always a welcome guest.

Bill Rogers and Peter Ollerton are well remembered from their APIA days, when the Lambert Parkers were the keenest rivals of the Saints. And then there is Bertie Lutton, former Irish international until recently the midfield ace of Sydney Hakoah.

But South Melbourne's impressive strength doesn't end with them: there is that marvellously reliable fullback Mike Pye, the precocious talent Duncan Cummings, an elusive winger Chris Kent and ex-Wolverhampton man Sammy Wright, a newcomer. And, of course, an old friend in charge of the team, David Maclaren, the former Sydney Hakoah supreme.

Three weeks ago the Saints went, saw and conquered in Melbourne against this very team: it won't be easy to repeat that today when the chips are down. South Melbourne have the talent, skill and experience to stage a mighty battle and the Saints will have to be at their best behaviour if they are to be "nasty hosts" and keep the points at home.

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After the game visitors, officials and supporters are invited to share the facilities of SOCCER HOUSE - 84 Victoria Avenue, Mortdale.

SEE YOU AT THE CLUB.

WHERE TO SEE THE SAINTS?

In the first half of the Philips League, St. George BSC will play nine of its 13 matches in Sydney — six of them as the home team, the others as guest of a local rival. The Saints will travel interstate four times — twice to Adelaide, within a fortnight of one another.
Although the PSL has not yet announced the actual match dates (March 5 etc. are all Sundays), it's safe to assume that all the Sydney games will be held on Sundays and most, if not all, the interstate ones also.

This is the draw for the first round of the PSL:
MARCH 5: ST. GEORGE v South Melbourne
MARCH 12: West Adelaide v ST. GEORGE
MARCH 19: ST. GEORGE v Canberra City
MARCH 26: Adelaide City v ST. GEORGE
APRIL 2: Sydney Olympic v ST. GEORGE
APRIL 9: ST. GEORGE v Newcastle
APRIL 16: Brisbane Lions v ST. GEORGE
APRIL 23: ST. GEORGE v Fitzroy
APRIL 30: Footscray v ST. GEORGE
MAY 7: ST. GEORGE v Brisbane City
MAY 14: Marconi V ST. GEORGE
MAY 21: ST. GEORGE v Hakoah
MAY 28: Western Sub. v ST. GEORGE

SUPPORTERS' BUSES

Buses for SAINTS' supporters will depart from Soccer House, 84 Victoria Ave., Mortdale for all home games at Barton Park, returning after the game. Departure times will be 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m.